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REMARKS

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 7 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1 and 7 have each been amended in a manner believed to overcome the informalities. Claim 7 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

Paragraphs 2-4 of the Office Action

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,134,868 to Bethards. Claims 2-6 are objected to as be dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of as filed claim 2 and is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Remaining claims 3-6, which each ultimately depend from claim 1, are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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